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**THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE**

**WASHINGTON**

**JUL 23 1954**

**Dear Allen:**

In reply to your letter of 12 May 1954, concerning the revised terms of reference for the Watch Committee and the activation of a National Indications Center, members of my office have discussed the requirements for the Center with your representative and with the Chairman of the Watch Committee. We will be most happy to assist by providing space in the Pentagon.

I am initiating a study to determine where in the Pentagon the thirty-three hundred square feet of space can best be made available without displacing other important activities. This space as finally chosen may be neither contiguous to one of the Service Intelligence agencies nor within a secure area as you suggested, since I am informed by Brigadier General Lewis of the Air Force that this, though desirable, is not essential. By copy of this letter the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower and Personnel) is requested to make such study and to recommend an appropriate location.

**Sincerely yours,**

**SIGNED**  
**A. B. ANDERSON**  
**Deputy**

**The Honorable Allen Dulles**  
**Director, Central Intelligence Agency**  
**Washington, D. C.**

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